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May 24-28 is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week in Maryland

Md. Community Crime Prevention Institute has resources available

Towson, MD (May 21, 2010)---Maryland has designed this week as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, a time to address the difficult and sometimes dangerous issue that leaves many children emotionally and/or physically injured each year.

The Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute (MCCPI), a component of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), has resources available to help teachers, community leaders, and others deal with bullying. The Institute, located at the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions' Sykesville campus, does bullying and cyber-bullying presentations for both youth and adults. And the legendary D.A.R.E. program, also based at MCCPI, has a supplemental lesson program focused on bullying.

MCCPI will be participating in Tuesday evening's NAACP panel discussion and community dialogue on bullying. That event is Tuesday, May 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Union Baptist Church on Druid Hill Avenue in Baltimore.

The Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute has many resources available to help neighborhoods, groups, schools, and private citizens combat crime. For more information, please call 410-875-3421 or visit www.dpscs.state.md.us.